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SUBJECT: US FUEL FOR ARGENTINE REACTOR LOANED TO PERU
REFERENCE: STATE 87857

1. REFTEL OF APRIL 5 STATED THAT DELEGATIONS OF
AUTHORITY AND OTHER PROCEDURAL STEPS REQUIRED TO ENABLE
US TO SIGN QUADRILATERAL SUPPLY AGREEMENT SHOULD BE
COMPLETED "IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO..."

2. NEARLY ONE MONTH HAS ELAPSED SINCE RECEIVING THAT
TELEGRAM, AND I AND OTHER MISSION OFFICERS HAVE BEEN
FREQUENTLY ASKED BY AGENCY, PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR AND
ARGENTINE RESREP WHEN US WILL BE READY TO SIGN THAT
AGREEMENT. MATTER IS CLEARLY TROUBLING TO GOVERNMENTS
CONCERNED, AND, I FEAR, IS PROVING DETRIMENTAL TO
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US EFFORTS TO DEMONSTRATE RELIABILITY OF SUPPLIES OF
NUCLEAR FUEL TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ACCEPT US
NON-PROLIFERATION MEASURES.

3. FYI. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM THE AGENCY THAT
THE ARGENTINE RESREP HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE EXPECTS
TO PRESENT A "FORMAL COMMUNICATION" TO THE IAEA ON

THE SUBJECT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE ARGENTINES REPORTEDLY ARE HIGHLY SKEPTICAL OF THE US EXPLANATION OFFERED SO FAR RE DELAY IN AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. THEY APPARENTLY PREFER TO BELIEVE THERE ARE "OTHER REASONS" WHICH ACCOUNT FOR THE DELAY. END FYI.

4. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978 PROVIDES THAT SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS, SUCH AS THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL FROM ARGENTINA TO PERU, ARE NOT RPT NOT TO BE DELAYED PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW LEGISLATION. IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO FIND SOME WAY TO MOVE THIS MATTER FORWARD PROMPTLY. KIRK

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